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Applicant: HAHN-CARLSON Examiner: Backer, F.  
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Title: SHIPMENT TRANSACTION SYSTEM AND AN ARRANGEMENT THEREOF  
New Title: VALIDATION APPROACH FOR AUDITING A VENDOR-BASED TRANSACTION

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 9, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the Title:

Please replace the title with the following more descriptive title:

b1 "VALIDATION APPROACH FOR AUDITING A VENDOR-BASED TRANSACTION"

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (see attachment for changes):

B2 2. (Amended) A transaction validation system for auditing according to claim 1, wherein said system further includes means for generating a quotation coupled to said central processor arrangement.